

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, Gladys Coggsell is a native of New Jersey who moved to Missouri in 1974 and prepared for her chosen field of endeavor through rigorous studies at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, where she earned an Associate's degree in general education; Washington University in St. Louis, where she completed a Certificate with Honors in journalism and a Bachelor's degree in psychology; and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she received a Master in Education degree; and

**Whereas**, married to her beloved Truman for a number of years, Gladys Coggsell is a professional storyteller who performs regularly throughout Missouri and the United States, conducts workshops on community building and the healing powers of family oral histories, and works with local school children in such locales as Boncl, Bowling Green, Curryville, and Frankford to collect and present the traditional stories of their communities; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Coggsell has enjoyed considerable success as an artist participant in American Traditions, a national program funded by the National Endowment for the Arts to build audiences for folk and traditional arts performances; a touring artist for the Missouri Arts Council; and the subject of PBS feature stories, interviews by CSPAN, and several books, such as Storytellers by Corky Miller and Mary Ellen Snodgrass; and

**Whereas**, projects by Gladys Coggsell include her work with apprentices Angela Williams of Hannibal and Loretta Washington of St. Louis to collect, conserve, and tell the stories of the African American experience in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Coggsell was a master artist in the Missouri Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program during 1988, 1993, 1995, 1998, and 2003; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Coggsell has once again stepped to the forefront of the educational and dramatic stage through her selection by the Missouri Arts Council for its Individual Artist Award:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Gladys Coggsell by the Missouri Arts Council as the recipient of the Individual Artist Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Gladys Coggsell of Frankford, Missouri

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker